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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0041.00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Renato CARETTA )  
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Serial No.: 09/364,099 ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
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Filed: July 30, 1999 ) Examiner: Knable, G.  
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For: METHOD OF )  
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MANUFACTURING A )  
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CARCASS STRUCTURE FOR )  
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TYRES, IN PARTICULAR FOR )  
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TWO-WHEELED VEHICLES, )  
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AND CARCASS STRUCTURE )  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant submits this Response to Restriction Requirement, accompanied by a Preliminary Amendment, in reply to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2001.

In the Preliminary Amendment, Applicant cancels, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-30 and adds new claims 31-60, which include the same subject matter as the original claims, to improve clarity. The originally filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the added claims. No new matter was introduced.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-12, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of making a carcass structure; and Group II, claims 13-30, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a carcass

structure/tire. New claims 31-42 correspond to Group I, while new claims 43-60 correspond to Group II. Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute Group II, new claims 43-60.

Regarding traverse of the restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully submits that the search and examination of this entire application can be made without serious burden. As such, MPEP § 803, ¶ 2, requires that the entire application be examined on the merits.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 8, 2001

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this  
application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Add the following section heading and paragraph at the beginning of the specification:

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**--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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